

March 4, 1983

LB 133, 438

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call. Members should return to the Chamber and record their presence at their seats. The vote is being taken. The House is under Call. Members, please return to the Chamber, take your seats.

CLERK: Senator Pirsch changing from no to yes.

PRESIDENT: Is Senator Cullan available? Senator Lamb.

CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

PRESIDENT: The House is under Call on a motion to advance so we are taking call in votes. The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, and 9, excuse me, Mr. President, 7 nays on the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, did you wish for...motion carried. The bill is advanced. LB 438.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 438 (read title). The bill was read on January 18, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have no amendments.

PRESIDENT: Before I recognize you, Senator, I would like to announce, I hope I am not late, guests of Senator Clark that were here under the South balcony, Roxanne Lloyd and Cheryl Rogers from Sidney. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, LB 438 provides that we are going to...if this one gets passed...that we eliminate an exception under Section 18-406. What it does is allows MUD, Metropolitan Utilities District, in Omaha to charge the rate of interest on special assessments that are covered and set by the Legislature in 18-406, which is...18-406 does have an exception in it that MUD will only charge three percent, between three and six percent as set by the Board prior to delinquency and seven percent after delinquency. We are eliminating that exception so that MUD would charge the same rate as is set for cities and villages on special assessments and that rate is always set by the Legislature here. It would encourage real estate developers to pay off these special assessments so that we can free up MUD's money and in that way tend to lower the rates that they would have to charge. I move the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of LB...Senator Higgins.